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PROSTHESIS

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the action dated August 21, 1995, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

C 1 50. (Amended) The loading and delivering apparatus recited in claim 49 wherein said cartridge includes a wall having [has] an opening in communication with said elongated slot, said cartridge wall opening adapted to admit the implantable prosthesis in the first configuration.

51. (Amended) The loading and delivering apparatus recited in claim 49 wherein said cartridge includes a surface [a base] to which the implantable prosthesis is seatable.

C 2 53. (Amended) The loading and delivering apparatus recited in claim 52 wherein said cartridge further includes a top surface extending from said upstanding sidewall.

54. (Amended) The loading and delivering apparatus recited in claim 53 wherein said top surface further includes a door [for providing] which, when opened, provides selective access to [a] an interior of said cartridge.